THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R.L. BHATIA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Government have requested Government of U.A.E. to apprehend and deport Dawood Ibrahim, a well known criminal suspected to be in Dubai, who is involved in the bomb blasts in Bombay. Government have also sought cooperation from foreign countries, including Pakistan, that any visas granted to Dawood Ibrahim whose passport has been revoked, be cancelled forthwith.

The reaction of the Pakistani authorities to the information given to them so far indicates that Pakistan will take all possible measures to ensure against exposure of their involvement in the explosions which were organised in Bombay.

Permission to Canadian Multinationals for deep sea fishing in Indian Waters

1080. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether a high-level Canadian delegation called on him recently and offered assistance for developing deep sea fisheries in India;

(b) the details of such discussion held;

(c) whether Government have agreed to permit Canadian Multinationals to fish in Indian waters; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A Canadian Mission visited India in order to make a comprehensive assessment of the possibilities of Canadian and Indian parties joining hands for mutual benefit. In this connection, there was mutual exchange of views on matters relating to development of fishery industry in India.

(c) No Sir. No such proposal has been received.

(d) Does not arise.

Technical Committee to study problems of deep sea fishing

1081. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have recently constituted a Technical Committee to study the problems of the deepsea fishing industry;

(b) the details of the constitution of this technical committee, elaborating the names of officials in this commitee; and

(c) whether any time frame has been indicated for the Technical Committee to submit its report ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI) : (a) to (c) A technical committee to study the problems of the deep sea fishing industry is under process of constitution.

Chocolate containing alcohol

1082. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have issued licence to any firm to manufacture alcohol containing chocolates;